

Docket No.: 0717-0520P
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takenori YOSHIZAWA et al.

Application No.: 10/714,885

Confirmation No.: 2816

Filed: November 18, 2003

Art Unit: 3632

For: SUBSTRATE ACCOMMODATING TRAY

Examiner: A. J. Wujciak

REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated December 17, 2007, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application among:

Group I Figures 1-8;

Group II Figures 9A-10B; and

Group III Figures 11-12D.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect the species illustrated in Figures 1-8 without traverse. Claims 1-18 are directed to this species.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic.


Application No.: 10/714,885

Docket No.: 0717-0520P

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: January 17, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

By  (reg. # 40,417)
Terrell C. Birch
Registration No.: 19,382
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP
8110 Gatehouse Road
Suite 100 East
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000
Attorney for Applicant